

# Information Bulletin for Beverage Manufacturers & Distributors

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The Department of Conservation (Department), Division of Recycling (Division), issues periodic bulletins to inform beverage manufacturers and distributors of new procedures and changes to the reporting, payment and labeling requirements of the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act (Act).

## INFORMATION BULLETIN 01-1

### TOPICS:

- New Branch Structure
- SB 1906 & Labeling Compliance Deadline
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- New CRV Labeling Poster
- Schedule of Payment & Reporting
- Reporting Reminders
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### New Branch Structure

The Industry Services Branch (ISB) recently consolidated functions relating to beverage manufacturers, beverage distributors, retail dealers and convenience zones. At the helm is Branch Manager, John Panenka. ISB is composed of three sections: Client Services Section, under the supervision of Wilma Fletcher; Dealer Services Section, under George Donkor and Convenience Zones Section, under John Jackson.

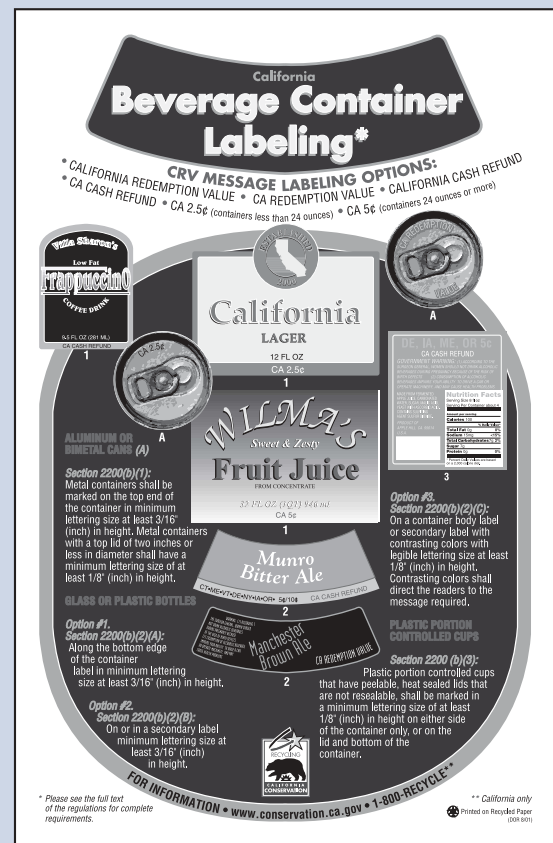
### Senate Bill 1906

Effective January 1, 2001, due to the passage of SB 1906, two additional beverage types were added to the California Beverage Container Recycling Program:

- vegetable juice (in containers 16 ounces or less)
- noncarbonated soft drinks

**These beverage types must be properly labeled no later than January 1, 2002.**

### New CRV Labeling Poster



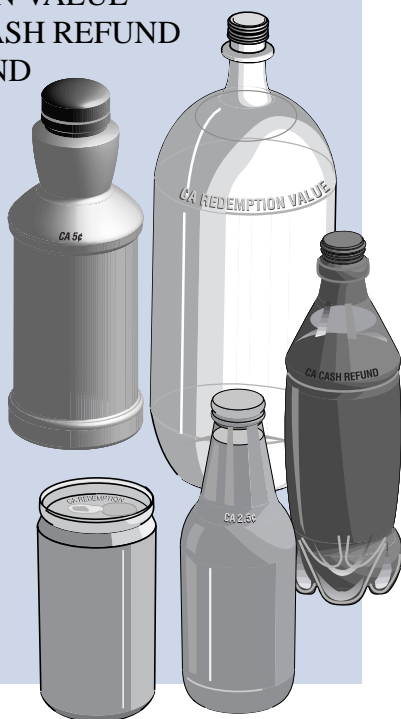
The purpose of the labeling poster is to educate beverage manufacturers, distributors and retail dealers of the various CRV message options that can be used, the proper CRV message font size and to assist with the proper placement of the message, according to the individual CRV product container type. Labeling posters are available from the Client Services Section.

For additional information, please contact the Client Services Section at (916) 327-7361, 1-800 RECYCLE or log on to [www.conservation.ca.gov](http://www.conservation.ca.gov)

## CRV Message Labeling Options

Every nonrefillable beverage container subject to the Act, which is sold or offered for sale in this state, must be labeled by the beverage manufacturer with one of the following messages:

- CALIFORNIA REDEMPTION VALUE
- CA REDEMPTION VALUE
- CALIFORNIA CASH REFUND
- CA CASH REFUND
- CA 2.5¢  
(if the container is less than 24 ounces)
- CA 5¢  
(if the container is 24 ounces or more)



## Schedule of Payment and Reporting

The Act requires reports, redemption value payments and any applicable processing fees to be submitted to the Department for filled beverage containers sold or offered for sale in this state using the following appropriate reporting and payment schedules:

As a Beverage Manufacturer, reports and processing fees are due no later than the 10th day of the second month following the month of sales or transfers. For example, reports and processing fees for the January reporting period are due March 10.

As a Beverage Distributor of beverage products (excluding beer & malt beverages), reports and redemption value payments are due no later than

the 10th day of the second month following the month of sales or transfers. For example, reports and payments for the January reporting period are due March 10.

As a Beverage Distributor of beer & malt beverages, reports and redemption value payments are due no later than the last day of the third month following the month of sales or transfers. For example, reports and payments for the January reporting period are due April 30.

## Reporting Reminders



The following reminders will assist you to avoid inaccurate reports and payments as well as the assessment of interest due for late reporting or delinquent payments:

- Beverage Manufacturer Reports (*DR4*), and Distributor Reports (*DR3*) are required to be filled out and sent to the Department even if you have nothing to report for months when no sales or transfers have transpired.
- The Department must be notified of any company change of business or mailing address, contact person and telephone number as well as a change of ownership or close of business.
- Please refer to and use the current processing fee rates according to container type. Be aware that for the year 2000, there were two different processing fee rates (*January 2000 through September 2000*) and (*October 2000 through December 2000*). Contact the Client Services Section at **(916) 327-7361** or your account representative to request a copy of the processing fee rates if you need to report and pay retroactive processing fees for 2000.

*Effective  
January 1, 2002  
-to date,  
the following are the  
**CURRENT**  
Processing Fee  
Payment Rates\**



## 2002 Processing Fee Rates

<b>Aluminum</b>		no processing fee
<b>Bimetal</b>		0.00039 per container sold
<b>Glass</b>		0.00266 per container sold
<b>Plastic:</b>		
#1 Pete		0.00184 per container sold
#2 HDPE		0.00255 per container sold
#3 Vinyl		0.00035 per container sold
#4 LDPE		0.00009 per container sold
#5 PP		0.00088 per container sold
#6 PS		0.00006 per container sold
#7 Other		0.00084 per container sold

\* processing fee payment rates are subject to change.

- Beverage manufacturers may elect to make a single annual payment if their projected payment of the processing fee for a calendar year totals less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Beverage distributors may elect to make a single annual payment if their the projected redemption payment for a calendar year totals less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

Approval for eligibility or renewal of annual reporting status is not awarded automatically. Program participants who qualify to be an annual reporter based on the previous year's payment history will receive an application from the Department every December. If you do not receive an application to apply as an annual reporter for 2002, and feel you qualify, please contact *Melanie Dunn* at **(916) 324-0873**. Completed applications from participants must be submitted to the Department no later than January 31, 2002 to be reviewed for eligibility prior to approval.

Be reminded that if you have been approved as an annual reporter for the current year, please do not submit reports and payments more than once a year.

If you are not an approved annual reporter, do not submit reports with multiple reporting periods on a single report.

- Always review the completeness and accuracy of entries made on report forms prior to submission of reports and payments to the Department.
- Only beverage distributors are eligible to **subtract** one percent of their totals for an administrative fee.
- California companies who "import" or cause filled beverage containers to come into California from other states or from out of the country are required to register as a beverage manufacturer and to report and pay any applicable processing fee to the Department.

## Client Services Section- "At Your Service"

*For assistance or questions regarding your account's reporting or payment status information, please contact your account representative:*

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